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The outside agitator refrain has been debunked as a racist trope over and over again. The demographics of arrestees in the Seattle area don't corroborate Durkan's talking points on the alleged "white men outside agitator" myth. This is a two-pronged attack against communities of color. First, BIPOC youth are stripped of the agency to rebel on their terms against the white status quo. Second, Durkan's narrative breaks down support for the youth of color facing prosecution by erasing their visibility.

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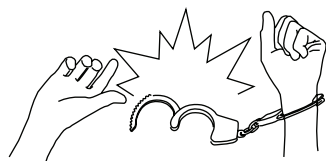
especially the prosecutor's office, does not get to decide who is a part of the movement and who is cast aside to languish in the prison industrial complex. The nebulous demarcation of "peaceful" is nothing more than a shallow attempt to create divisions inside a popular movement uncompromisingly set on the complete abolition of the police. Peacefulness is not a legal category. When this term leaves the prosecutor's lips as a motive to charge some and not others, it is an attack on BIPOC youth and all demonstrators. It is a challenge: "How well can you stay inside the lines of white respectability?"

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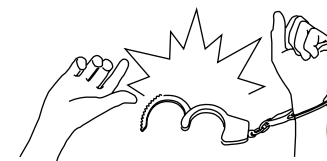
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